### **HOUSE BILL No. 1690**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-1-0.5.

**Synopsis:** Presumption of fetal viability. Provides that a fetus that is at least 20 weeks of age is presumed to have attained viability.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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## Turner, Harris T, Thompson, Welch

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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- SECTION 1. IC 16-34-1-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 0.5. (a) For purposes of this article, a fetus that is at least twenty (20) weeks of age (from the first day of the mother's most recent menstrual cycle) is presumed to have attained viability.
- (b) If a fetus is presumed to have attained viability under subsection (a), no additional medical evaluation is required to establish the fetus's viability.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] IC 16-34-1-0.5, as added by this act, applies only to offenses committed after June 30, 2005.



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